KENTUCKY PUBLIC LIBRARY STANDARDS: DIRECTION AND SERVICE FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

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PREFACE

In October of 2000 Kentucky Library Association President Judith Burdine announced that the focus of her presidential year would be the development of public library standards. This project was an outgrowth of a Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA) Field Services Division planning effort which identified the 23 characteristics of a fully developed public library.

At President Burdine's request, State Librarian and Commissioner James A. Nelson instructed Field Services Division staff to review public library standards developed in other states. The purpose of this project was to determine the types and degrees of standards already established and to analyze best practices. President Burdine recommended that the criteria for standards include voluntary participation, varied service levels and ease of use.

After a preliminary review of standards from 33 states, KDLA staff recommended that the following key areas be studied:

Governance and Administration
Personnel
Access
Collections
Services and Cooperation
Facilities
Technology
Marketing/Public Relations

Committees composed of library directors and staff, trustees, State Advisory Council members and KDLA library consultants were appointed to develop standards for Kentucky public libraries in these eight categories. The hard work and dedication of many individuals has resulted in this first edition of **Kentucky Public Library Standards**.

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INTRODUCTION

PHILOSOPHY

Planning is the keystone for a dynamic, evolving organization. For years the public library community has embraced planning as a core value. The most effective tool for evaluating a library's progress and defining goals for future development is a written plan. Planning is a prelude to effective utilization of standards and is reflected in the eight key service areas of **Kentucky Public Library Standards**.

Standards provide a guide to excellence. They define the kind of public library services that should be available to all Kentuckians. Stressing ongoing planning and evaluation, standards provide baseline data and establish a strong foundation from which to develop local goals to address local needs. They are an essential assessment tool to use in evaluating the library's effectiveness and a guide to assist in planning for improved services. The utilization of standards can maximize the library's role in the community by focusing resources. The ultimate outcome is heightened visibility and support for the library.

HOW TO USE THIS MANUAL

This manual is a self-evaluation tool. Each standard is presented as a statement, allowing the library to easily determine whether it meets or does not meet the criteria. Checklists are provided in a format that encourages the library to make copies for multiple users.

KDLA's Field Services staff is prepared to assist public libraries in using this manual to its full potential.

Kentucky Public Library Standards is divided into eight sections. Each section begins with a brief description. In most cases there are three levels of service: BASIC – the minimum which should be available to all; ENHANCED – an expansion of services beyond the basic; COMPREHENSIVE – the highest level of service. Libraries may choose different levels for each section. In order to reach the "Enhanced" level, a library must meet the standards included in the "Basic" section AND the "Enhanced" level. In order to reach the "Comprehensive" level, a library must meet the standards included in the "Basic" and "Enhanced" level, in addition to those in the "Comprehensive" level.

The standards include a checklist with four possible choices:

- YES. The library meets the standard.
- NO. The library does not meet the standard.

PLANNED. The library does not currently meet the standard but is planning to do so.

N/A. The standard does not apply to the library.

A glossary, appendix, and useful references are also included.

GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Public libraries in Kentucky are established according to Kentucky Revised Statutes, Chapters 173, 65 and 67. Boards of trustees have been created by law to act as governing bodies for the library. Library trustees are public officials who provide the leadership and vision necessary for effective and efficient operation of the library and for following sound practices of planning, administration, management, and funding. Library directors and staff use sound library administration and management practices to apply the policies and statutory obligations of the governing board to the daily operations of the library.

THE LIBRARY AND THE LIBRARY BOARD ARE LEGALLY ESTABLISHED AND OPERATE IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

BASIC	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library operates in accordance with the Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS).				
Board appointments and terms are in accordance with the Kentucky Revised Statutes. Vacancies are filled promptly.				
The board elects officers at least every two [2] years.				
The board meets monthly at a regular day and time and in a physically accessible location.				
The library board employs a library director who holds an appropriate certificate of librarianship issued by the Kentucky State Board for the Certification of Librarians [KRS 171.260].				
The library director is present at all board meetings other than portions of those during which the director's salary or tenure is discussed.				
Board meetings are conducted as open meetings in accordance with KRS 61.80 - 61.850.				
Minutes of board meetings are promptly recorded and are open to public inspection in accordance with KRS 61.835.				
The library board and administrative staff comply with statutory reporting requirements of local, state, and federal agencies and the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA).				
The library board and administrative staff are familiar with and in compliance with local, state, and federal laws which affect library operations, such as minimum wage, hiring practices, unemployment compensation, privacy, accessibility, open records, etc.				

BASIC (Continued)	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library director monitors statutory changes and recommends any policy changes needed to maintain legal library operations.				
ENHANCED	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The board has written bylaws that are reviewed at least every three years.				
COMPREHENSIVE	Yes	No	Planned	NA
Board membership represents a broad spectrum of community interests, occupations, and geographic areas. The board reflects the demographics of the population served by the library.				
THE LIBRARY BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION PROVIDE THE TO ENSURE SUSTAINED FUNDING AND TO CONTINUALLY IN SERVICES.				
BASIC	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The board employs a qualified library director and delegates active management of the library to the director.				
The board provides for the continuing education of the director including payment for workshop/conference registration and professional dues.				
The board conducts annual performance evaluations of the director.				
The president/chair of the board provides new trustees with a review of the board bylaws, policies and practices.				
The library director provides new board members with an orientation that includes a review of library policies, services, physical facilities, finances, and other appropriate administrative concerns.				
The director compiles and presents regular reports to the board to assist with evaluating library programs and services.				
Trustees participate in continuing education activities such as those offered by KDLA, KLA and the KLTA.				
The board and administrative staff are aware of state and federal legislation that affects the library.				

ENHANCED	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library director and the outgoing board president/chair provide an orientation session with the new board president/chair.				
The library director and the outgoing treasurer provide an orientation session with the new board treasurer.				
The library recognizes the importance of continuing education for its trustees by providing financial support for their library association dues and attendance at workshops and conferences.				
Two or more board members attend at least one continuing education activity each year.				
COMPREHENSIVE	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The board actively recruits candidates for board membership with expertise needed for future library development.				
Trustees and library staff actively participate in the legislative process to effect change that will benefit libraries.				
Trustees, the library director, and key library staff hold membership in professional organizations such as KLA, KLTA, ALA, ALTA and also actively pursue community involvement and participation. The library also may establish and maintain additional governance entities such as Foundations or Advisory Boards.				
THE LIBRARY HAS FISCAL PROCEDURES AND FINANCIAL M CONSISTENT WITH GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING P	_		PRACTICE	S
BASIC	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library maintains or increases its financial support each year.				
The library director and/or budget committee prepare an annual budget using budgetary guidelines provided by the board and with input from library board members and staff. The budget includes line items for personnel, collection, operations, and capital outlay.				

BASIC (Continued)	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library considers its funding level and expenditures in comparison to similar libraries.				
The budget is adequate to fund the priorities selected during the strategic planning process.				
The library director and/or budget committee present the budget to the board for review and adoption prior to submission to county and state government.				
The library files the application for State Aid and supporting documentation to KDLA by the stated deadline.				
The library's finances, including all funds received and expended, are audited as required by Kentucky Revised Statutes.				
The library complies with applicable local, state, and federal purchasing regulations.				
The library director is given authority to use budgeted funds flexibly to achieve the priorities selected during the strategic planning process.				
Library trustees and the director keep local, state, and federal elected officials informed of legislation affecting library funding and educated about needed appropriations.				
ENHANCED	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library director works with KDLA and other library organizations to establish and maintain collaborative efforts among libraries.				
The library identifies and applies for federal, state, and special grants, and seeks private support to provide for enhancements to basic services.				
COMPREHENSIVE	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library works with the board to establish and maintain a foundation or endowment to provide funding for enhancements to basic services.				

THE LIBRARY HAS A VISIONARY STRATEGIC PLAN THAT IS USED TO MAKE MANAGEMENT AND ORGANIZATIONAL DECISIONS.

BASIC	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library has completed a recognized strategic planning process, such as PLA's <i>Planning for Results</i> , within the last five years.				
The plan is based on a review and assessment of community library service needs.				
The strategic plan begins with a vision or mission statement that describes the purpose and priorities of the library in the community.				
The plan includes goals and measurable objectives, with a timetable for implementation.				
The board-approved, written strategic plan is distributed throughout the community.				
ENHANCED	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The plan is reviewed and updated semi-annually by the board. A review of the library's progress toward meeting the plan's goals, objectives, and timetables is included in this review.				
Periodically, one library resource (i.e.: staff, collection, facility, technology) which is key to the implementation of the library's service priorities is analyzed using a system such as PLA's <i>Managing For Results</i> . Allocation or re-allocation of this resource is undertaken to more effectively implement the library's plan.				
COMPREHENSIVE	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The plan is submitted to city/county planning groups so that plans for library facilities, services, and programs align with city/county plans.				
An update on the library's plan implementation is included as a regular part of the monthly board agenda.				
An analysis of library's resources, such as staff, collection, facility, technology, using a system such as PLA's <i>Managing For Results</i> is incorporated into the library's management structure. Resources are continually analyzed for effectiveness in achieving the library's service priorities. Allocation and reallocation of resources are an on-going part of the library management at every level.				

THE BOARD HAS WRITTEN POLICIES TO GOVERN BOARD AND LIBRARY OPERATION.

BASIC	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The board has adopted board policies including conflict of interest, ethics, nepotism, authority of individual trustees, compensation, media communication, etc.				
The board has adopted policies on the library director's function and responsibilities.				
The board has adopted personnel policies on employment practices including job descriptions, hiring, evaluating, termination, etc.				
The board has adopted personnel policies on compensation and benefits including salary, raises, insurance, retirement, overtime, etc.				
The board has adopted personnel policies on paid and unpaid leave including holidays, vacation, sick, continuing education, etc.				
The board has adopted personnel policies on employee conduct including harassment, violence, dress, smoking, substance abuse, etc.				
The board has adopted circulation policies including loan period, overdues, interlibrary loan, confidentiality of customer records, etc.				
The board has adopted collection development policies including gifts and donations, intellectual freedom, etc.				
The board has adopted facility use policies including accessibility, meeting room use, displays, bulletin boards, etc.				
The board has adopted public safety policies including unattended children, inappropriate behavior, emergency and disaster, etc.				
The library director develops written procedures for implementation of board policies.				
ENHANCED	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The board reviews all policies every three years, updating as needed.				

COMPREHENSIVE	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The board reviews all policies every year, updating as needed.				

PERSONNEL

Some libraries may rely on local personnel departments for assistance with items such as recruitment, compensation, benefits, disciplinary actions, and other related personnel matters, but most of Kentucky's public libraries rely on in-house policies, types of which are addressed in this section. These standards also address the need for public library staff members to project a positive attitude towards library customers, receive on-going training to improve their skills, and be available in sufficient number to ensure a high level of service.

THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES EMPLOYS A QUALIFIED DIRECTOR.									
BASIC	Yes	No	Planned	NA					
The Library Director holds the appropriate certification from the Kentucky State Board for the Certification of Librarians.									
ENHANCED	Yes	No	Planned	NA					
The Library Director has a Masters of Library Science (MLS) degree.									
acgree.	Yes	No	Planned	NA					
COMPREHENSIVE									
The Library Director has an MLS degree with a minimum of 5 years experience.	_	_	_	_					
STAFF WHO ARE TRAINED PROFESSIONALLY AS LIBRARIA LEAST ONE-THIRD OF THE FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			OMPRISE A	AT					
BASIC	Yes	No	Planned	NA					
All staff with the title of librarian hold the appropriate certification from the Kentucky State Board for the Certification of Librarians.									
ENHANCED	Yes	No	Planned	NA					
All staff with the title of librarian have a professional degree and appropriate certification from the Kentucky State Board for the Certification of Librarians.									
COMPREHENSIVE	Yes	No	Planned	NA					
One-third of the full-time staff has an MIS degree									

One-third of the full-time staff has an MLS degree.

APPROPRIATE STAFFING LEVELS ARE MAINTAINED IN ALL PUBLIC LIBRARIES. **BASIC** Yes No Planned NA The library has one FTE staff person per 4000 people in the service area, but no fewer than two people. **ENHANCED** Yes No Planned NA The library has one FTE staff person per 3000 people in the service area, or the state average according to the most recent Public Library Statistical Report, whichever is greater. **COMPREHENSIVE** Yes No Planned NA One FTE staff person per 2000 people in the service area, or the national average according to the most recent Federal State Cooperative System (FSCS) data, whichever is greater. STAFFING SCHEDULES REFLECT LIBRARY USE PATTERNS BASED ON DEMOGRAPHICS. **BASIC** No Planned NA Yes A minimum of two paid library employees are on duty during all hours of library operation. **ENHANCED** Planned Yes No NA An analysis of use patterns has been made, and staff is assigned accordingly. **COMPREHENSIVE** Yes No Planned NA The number of qualified staff on duty during library hours is sufficient to provide appropriate, timely service for all customers at all locations within the library system. Satisfaction surveys are conducted on a regular basis to test the attainment of this standard. LIBRARY CUSTOMERS RECEIVE HELPFUL AND COURTEOUS SERVICE FROM ALL LIBRARY STAFF. **BASIC** Planned NA Yes No Each area of service for the library has staff trained to

provide service in that area. Examples of service areas include children's services, reference, cataloging.

ENHANCED	Yes	No	Planned	NA
Each area of public service has certified staff available during all library hours.				
COMPREHENSIVE	Yes	No	Planned	NA
Professional staff is available in each public service area during all library hours.				
THE LIBRARY PROVIDES ADEQUATE TIME AND FUNDING TEND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO QUALIFY FOR IFICATION AND RENEWAL AS REQUIRED BY THE KENTUCK CERTIFICATION OF LIBRARIANS.	THE AF	PROP	RIATE CE	RT-
BASIC	Yes	No	Planned	NA
All full-time staff are required to hold and maintain the appropriate level of certification, with all fees and materials to be paid by the library.				
ENHANCED	Yes	No	Planned	NA
All part-time staff receive appropriate in-house training and are encouraged to attend external continuing education events.				
COMPREHENSIVE	Yes	No	Planned	NA
Professional staff participate in professional organizations at the local, state, and national levels and attend appropriate educational events.				
THE LIBRARY PROVIDES A PERCENTAGE OF EACH YEARLY CONTINUING EDUCATION COSTS.	BUDGE	T TO	COVER	
BASIC	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library allocates a minimum of 0.5% of the yearly budget for continuing education in order to certify and renew staff certification.				
ENHANCED	Yes	No	Planned	NA
Each staff person is required to attend one CE event per year. The library allocates a minimum of .75% of the yearly budget for this purpose.				

COMPREHENSIVE	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library has a continuing education plan, and the library allocates a minimum of 0.1% of the budget for continuing education.				
THE LIBRARY HAS DEVELOPED A PLAN OF REGULAR IN-HOSTAFF.	OUSE TE	RAINI	NG FOR A	LL
BASIC	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library provides ongoing training for staff in appropriate areas and has a checklist for training new staff.				
ENHANCED	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library has completed a needs assessment to determine training needs and has developed a plan to provide training in those areas with an emphasis on technology, special needs, and customer service.				
COMPREHENSIVE	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library provides a minimum of one in-house training activity for all staff per quarter.				
PERSONNEL POLICIES SHALL HAVE STATEMENTS THAT I COMMITMENT TO OBSERVANCE OF LOCAL, STATE, AND FEEQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY GUIDELINES.	_			
BASIC	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library is aware of the need to develop personnel policies and has begun the process.				
ENHANCED	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library is working on these and other policies with a 50% completion rate.				
COMPREHENSIVE	Yes	No	Planned	NA
These policies are in place for each library and are reviewed and updated annually.				

THE LIBRARY HAS PERSONNEL PROCEDURES IN PLACE THAT ADDRESS THE FOL-LOWING ELEMENTS:

Recruitment

Selection of staff

Hours and schedules

Personnel records -- privacy and

retention **Orientation -- including a checklist** for training Resignations/dismissals Salaries and position classes **Performance Evaluations Benefits Promotions/Demotions** Grievance **BASIC** Planned NA Yes No The library is presently working on these policies and procedures. **ENHANCED** Planned NA Yes No Policies are in place and reviewed annually. Planned NA Yes No **COMPREHENSIVE** All staff are informed of policies on a yearly basis and any changes that are considered or made. THE LIBRARY BOARD WILL PROVIDE SALARIES AND BENEFITS COMPARABLE TO OTHER COMMUNITY POSITIONS REQUIRING SIMILAR EDUCATION AND EXPER-IENCE. **BASIC** Yes No Planned NA The library has comparable salaries and fringe benefits to those of county, municipal, school, academic and private workers in the community. **ENHANCED** Yes No Planned NA The library has comparable salaries and fringe benefits to those of county, municipal, school, academic and private workers in comparable communities in the state. **COMPREHENSIVE** No Planned NA Yes The library has comparable salaries and fringe benefits to those of county, municipal, school, academic and private workers in comparable communities in the country.

THE LIBRARY HAS ADOPTED AND FOLLOWS A SYSTEM OF POSITION CLASSIFICATION.

BASIC	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library has written, ADA compliant position descriptions for all current employees.				
ENHANCED	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library has position descriptions that clearly define the duties and responsibilities of every position associated with library employment. All position descriptions are renewed and updated on an annual basis.				
COMPREHENSIVE	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library has descriptions of all positions in the library that are reviewed and revised as necessary on an annual basis. Salaries, hours, and benefits in the position classification are comparable in all grades and steps with positions, requiring similar education preparation and experience with similar job assignments.				
The library undertakes a periodic review and intensive position appraisal every three years.				
THE LIBRARY HAS A PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT PROGR POSITIONS, WHICH INCLUDES BOTH AN ASSESSMENT OF AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER ACTION.				
BASIC	Yes	No	Planned	NA
All employees receive a yearly evaluation conducted by the appropriate supervisor.				
The Director receives a yearly evaluation by the Board.				
ENHANCED	Yes	No	Planned	NA
All performance evaluations include a discussion of goals and objectives for the employee for the next year.				
COMPREHENSIVE	Yes	No	Planned	NA
Salary increases are directly related to positive performance evaluations.				

APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS OF PERSONNEL IN PUBLIC LIBRARIES ARE MADE ON THE BASIS OF QUALIFICATIONS AND MERIT WITHOUT REGARD FOR RACE, SEX, MARITAL STATUS, NATIONAL ORIGIN, AGE, POLITICAL OPINION OR RELIGIOUS BELIEF OR DISABILITY WHILE KEEPING IN MIND THE NEED TO CREATE DIVERSITY AWARENESS IN A PUBLIC SERVICE INSTITUTION.

BASIC	Yes	No	Planned	NΑ
The library actively recruits a diverse staff for all positions.				
ENHANCED	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library staff is trained in diversity awareness.				
COMPREHENSIVE	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library staff reflects the demographic makeup of the community.				

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ACCESS

Public libraries provide convenient access to services, programs and resources. Access is not limited to physical issues such as location and hours of operation, but encompasses other areas. Bibliographic access allows patrons the ability to use all parts of the collection effectively. Intellectual access provides free and equitable access to a wide variety of materials representing diverse points of view. Extension services and outreach programs make resources as widely available as possible, while technology enables remote access and expands the collection to include materials held by other libraries.

THE LIBRARY HAS DETERMINED ITS HOURS BASED ON A SURVEY OF COMMUNITY NEEDS AND AVAILABLE SERVICES.

Yes

No

Planned NA

BASIC

The library offers weekday, evening and weekend hours based on community needs.				
The library provides a method to return materials 24 hours a day.				
THE LIBRARY SYSTEM PROVIDES SERVICE IN UCCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING CHART:	JNDUPLIC	ATED	HOURS	AC-
BASIC	Yes	No	Planned	NA
For population under 40,000, 35 unduplicated service hours. For population 40,000-75,000, 48 unduplicated service hours.			<u> </u>	
For population over 75,000, 60 unduplicated service hours.				
ENHANCED	Yes	No	Planned	NA
For population under 40,000, 40 unduplicated service hours. For population 40,000-75,000, 54 unduplicated service hours.			0	
For population over 75,000, 65 unduplicated service hours.				
COMPREHENSIVE	Yes	No	Planned	NA
For population under 40,000, 48 unduplicated service hours. For population 40,000-75,000, 60 unduplicated service hours.			0	
For population over 75,000, 70 unduplicated service hours.				

THE LIBRARY PROVIDES ALTERNATIVE ACCESS FOR THOSE UNABLE TO USE TRADITIONAL LIBRARY RESOURCES.

BASIC	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library complies with all appropriate laws, especially the Americans with Disabilities Act, to make its materials, services and programs available to patrons with disabilities.				
The library collection includes non-print media, with some duplication of materials in multiple formats.				
All library locations have at least one computer workstation that is wheelchair accessible.				
The library maintains a collection of low-tech assistive devices such as magnifiers, bold-write pens, etc				
The library has applications for the Kentucky Talking Book Library.				
The library provides referrals for additional resources available to those with special library needs.				
When the library requires registration for a program, it publicizes available accommodations in the public announcement.				
ENHANCED	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library's non-print collection includes some duplicate materials in unabridged form.				
The library collection contains items in languages other than English, as indicated by census or patronage data.				
Library staff is trained to use and instruct patrons in the use of assistive devices.				
The library has a link to the web site for the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.				
COMPREHENSIVE	Yes	No	Planned	NA
Locations with more than 15 public access workstations provide CCTV for high magnification of printed materials.				
Locations with more than 15 public access workstations provide specialized software with additional accessibility features, as determined by needs assessment.				

COMPREHENSIVE (Continued)	Yes	No	Planned	NA
Based on community needs, the library provides interpreting services at events anticipating a high turnout.				
The library regularly publicizes its special accessibility services/features.				
The library has staff who can communicate in a second language or in American Sign Language.				
THE LIBRARY PROVIDES APPROPRIATE EXTENSION SER	VICES.			
BASIC	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library, in partnership with the community, develops a plan to provide materials to all residents of the service area, including but not limited to branch development, bookmobile services, delivery services, phone and mail services.				
The hours in which extension services are offered are planned as part of the overall strategy of services to the community.				
Duration of mobile services at any one community stop location is at least 30 minutes.				
ENHANCED	Yes	No	Planned	NA
Homebound or books by mail services are offered to users in the service area.				
Collection development for extension services is part of the overall system plan but provides for the unique populations served.				
COMPREHENSIVE	Yes	No	Planned	NA
There is a point of service within 5 miles of any location in the service area.				
The library has at least two specialized extension services available to people in the service area.				
Fundamental services such as circulation, reference, reader's advisory, etc. available at the main location, are also available to patrons of extension services.				

LIBRARY USERS ARE ABLE TO REACH THE LIBRARY BY TELEPHONE DURING ALL OPEN HOURS.

BASIC	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library has a telephone and answers telephone queries during all open hours.				
The library's telephone number is listed in the telephone directory.				
The library has telephones at each of its outlets.				
The library has recording devices in use during closed hours to inform the public of the library's service hours.				
ENHANCED	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library has multiple listings as appropriate in the local telephone directory.				
The library is equipped with adequate voice and data lines, touchtone phones and automatic rollover to reduce busy signals.				
The library has a telephone available for use by the public.				
Patrons can renew materials by telephone.				
COMPREHENSIVE	Yes	No	Planned	NA
When the library is closed all callers hear a recorded message providing the library's open hours and web address. When the library is open, all callers reach a staff member or have the opportunity to leave a message.				
The library has a TTY/TDY machine to permit access to people with hearing disabilities and staff trained in its use.				

LIBRARY CUSTOMERS ARE ABLE TO ACCESS THE LIBRARY CATALOG AND DATA-BASES FROM REMOTE LOCATIONS.

BASIC	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library has an online catalog indicating the holdings, location, and availability of materials in all the library's service outlets.				
ENHANCED	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library authorizes and maintains an up-to-date web page that includes library hours, phone numbers, services, and other basic information.				
The library provides remote access to fundamental library services. For example, access to patron records, renewal, hold, and ILL requests, basic reference services.				
The library's catalog is available via dial up access and is available 24 hours per day, seven days per week, less the down time needed to perform backups and system maintenance.				
The library's catalog is available and is accessible 24 hours per day, seven days per week, less the down time needed to perform backups and system maintenance.				
The library makes provisions for a wide variety of connection structures available to patrons.				
The library provides basic instructions in use of online resources.				
COMPREHENSIVE	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library provides comprehensive collection and services online. For example, digitized local history materials, e-mail reference, and schedule of events.				
The library provides remote access to licensed full-text databases of local interest.				
When remote access to electronic database information is offered it is available 24 hours per day, seven days per week, less the down time needed to perform backups and system maintenance.				

THE LIBRARY PROVIDES INFORMATION ABOUT THE HOLDINGS OF OTHER LI-**BRARIES. BASIC** No Planned Yes NA The library provides access to the Kentucky Virtual Library (KYVL). The library has access to remote databases through the Internet and/or other online services. **ENHANCED** Yes No Planned NA The library's bibliographic and holdings information is machine-readable using the MARC standard. The library's web pages provide users with organized web links pointing to useful and reliable local, regional, state, national and international Internet sites. Planned Yes No NA **COMPREHENSIVE** The library submits its bibliographic and holdings information to a statewide resource-sharing network. The library participates in local/regional electronic com-munity information services. THE LIBRARY PROVIDES INTERLIBRARY LOANS TO ITS PATRONS. **BASIC** Yes No Planned NA The library staff offers Interlibrary Loan whenever materials are not available locally. The library uses Interlibrary Loan to supplement, not supplant local collection development. The library provides Interlibrary Loans to other libraries. Interlibrary Loan services are available equally to all patrons regardless of age. Whenever possible, Interlibrary Loan services are provided to both patrons and libraries free of charge. The library accepts responsibility for the safety of borrowed

materials, and agrees to pay for the replacement of lost or

damaged items.

ENHANCED		Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library encourages I within all library outlets	interlibrary Loan by publicizing it and the community.				
Interlibrary Loan service	s are provided free of charge.				
COMPREHENSIVE		Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library allows for use Loan requests.	er-initiated electronic Interlibrary				
	PUBLIC WORKSTATIONS AND INT ACCESS TO ELECTRONIC INFORM				
BASIC		Yes	No	Planned	NA
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ENHANCED (Continue	d)	Yes	No	Planned	NA
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COMPREHENSIVE		Yes	No	Planned	NA
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BASIC		Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library has a formall policy, which is regularly	y adopted Internet Acceptable Use reviewed.				
COMPREHENSIVE		Yes	No	Planned	NA
filters, if present, in orde to access all legally obtain	Use policy allows staff to override or for all patrons, including children, inable material. Customers are ge or error messages, that infor-				

THE LIBRARY CREATES AND ADOPTS POLICIES THAT ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE PRINCIPLES ESTABLISHED BY THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION IN THE LIBRARY BILL OF RIGHTS AND OTHER OFFICIAL STATEMENTS.

BASIC	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library board has formally adopted the American Library Association (ALA) <i>Library Bill of Rights</i> .				
The library provides free and equitable access to all resources regardless of a patron's age, origin, beliefs, disabilities or socioeconomic status.				
The library creates policies regulating time, place and manner of access, which are not based on distinctions between individuals or groups of individuals, and are consistent with the library's mission and objectives.				
The library provides access to a wide variety of information through a diverse collection.				
Library resources are available without restriction to children and young adults in accordance with the ALA policy state- ment, <i>Free Access to Libraries for Minors</i> .				
The library has a written policy that assigns responsibility to parents or legal guardians for placing any restrictions on their child's use of library materials.				
The library keeps written copies of ALA statements and library policies at all locations.				
The library has a reasonable process that balances the requirements for intellectual freedom with the rights of citizens to question library materials.				
ENHANCED	Yes	No	Planned	NA
In order to provide for future access, the library has a policy on repairing or replacing lost or damaged items.				
COMPREHENSIVE	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library conducts workshops to instruct employees on issues regarding ALA policies and statements.				

COMPREHENSIVE (Continued)	Yes	No	Planned	NA
Restrictions to special collections are limited to policies designed for physical preservation and for protection from theft and mutilation.				
The library cooperates with other organizations to promote intellectual freedom (e.g. newspapers, ACLU, school libraries).				
THE LIBRARY PROVIDES USERS WITH THE CAPABILIT MATERIALS, WITHIN CURRENT COPYRIGHT RESTRICTION		SECUR	E COPIES	S OF
BASIC	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library has a photocopier for public use.				
The library has a reader/printer for use with microform collections.				
Copyright restrictions are posted as appropriate.				
The library has a fax machine and a policy regarding its use by the public.				
Fees charged for copying are equitable and consistent.				
ENHANCED	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library provides, and has the appropriate equipment to facilitate document delivery service within current copyright restrictions.				
COMPREHENSIVE	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library provides equipment, training and guidance necessary for the public to access, print and copy electronic resources within current copyright restrictions.				

THE LIBRARY MAKES SPACE AVAILABLE FOR MEETINGS AND EXHIBITS.

BASIC	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library has public meeting space available for its programming and for use by other community groups.				
The library has written policies on use of meeting rooms, bulletin boards and display and exhibit space.				
Public programs provided by the library are free of charge and in physically accessible locations. The library publicizes available accommodations in its program announcements.				
ENHANCED	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library provides access to meeting rooms and restrooms without entering a library service area.				
The library provides space for exhibits of community interest.				
The library provides screens, overhead projectors, slide machines and VCRs for public use in the meeting room.				
COMPREHENSIVE	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library provides LCD projector for computer programs in the library.				
The library actively promotes its public meeting space to the community.				
THE LIBRARY PROVIDES EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES ACCESS.	тнат	FACIL	ITATE FU	LL
BASIC	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library provides instruction as needed in the use of library equipment and resources.				
At least one person trained in the use of all reference resources and equipment is on duty during the library's operating hours.				

ENHANCED	Yes	No	Planned	NA
 The library provides written instructions for locating and using the collections and services provided. Those instructions comply with best practices for visibility. Instructions are provided in alternative format as needed. 				
The library provides formal instruction on the use of library resources and equipment to school classes and community groups on site upon request.				
The library has staff trained to assist patrons with disabilities in the effective use of assistive devices and adaptive software used in the library.				
COMPREHENSIVE	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library provides a schedule of classes and instruction sessions for the use of library resources and equipment, and has sufficient space and equipment to accommodate group instruction.				
The library provides specialized educational opportunities for specialized populations (e.g. people for whom English is a second language, senior citizens, persons with disabilities, children, parents/guardians, caregivers).				
Instruction sessions in the use of library resources, equipment and information seeking skills are provided off-site and electronically.				
Educational opportunities reflect current understanding of educational theories and are age and ability appropriate.				

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COLLECTIONS

Kentucky's public libraries should provide a wide range of materials in all formats to meet customer needs. These standards recognize that building a diverse library collection is a difficult task and that libraries are often constrained in their purchasing. This section recommends minimum levels of holdings for the population served as one way to measure the effectiveness of a library's collection. These input standards are counterbalanced by several output related standards that address the currency and usefulness of the collection.

THE LIBRARY HAS WRITTEN POLICIES THAT GOVERN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE LIBRARY'S COLLECTION.

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BASIC	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library has a written, board-approved collection development policy, updated within the past five years, based on community needs.				
The library's collection development policy includes an intellectual freedom statement.				
The library's collection development policy addresses diverse needs, interests, and differing points-of-view.				
THE LIBRARY HAS A COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT PLAN.				
BASIC	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library has a collection development plan, updated within the past five years, which details its collection and acquisition priorities.				
The library's collection plan includes circulating fiction and nonfiction, core reference collection, non-print media, periodical subscriptions, and electronic resources.				
The library has a plan and procedure for accepting gifts and donations.				
The library has a plan and procedure for addressing challenges to materials.				
The library has a plan and procedure for addressing requests for additions to the collection.				

ENHANCED	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library conducts ongoing evaluation of its collection to determine subject strengths and weaknesses. The entire collection will be evaluated at least every five years.				
The library utilizes standard procedures for collection development, including at least two professionally recognized review sources such as <i>Booklist</i> or <i>Library Journal</i> .				
The library utilizes electronic resources in selecting materials.				
THE LIBRARY ALLOCATES A SPECIFIC PORTION OF ITS O MATERIALS.	PERATI	ING BU	JDGET FO	R
BASIC	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library allocates at least 15% of its operating budget for the purchase of materials.				
The library allocates percentages of its materials budget for specific areas of the collection, such as adult and juvenile materials, reference collection, and other areas as defined by its collection development policy and plan.				
The library allocates funds for purchasing materials in all appropriate formats based on its collection development policy and plan.				
ENHANCED	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library allocates at least 20% of its operating budget for the purchase of materials.				
COMPREHENSIVE	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library allocates at least 25% of its operating budget for the purchase of materials.				

THE LIBRARY CALCULATES THE NUMBER OF ITEMS ADDED AND WITHDRAWN ANNUALLY AS A PERCENTAGE OF ITS TOTAL COLLECTION.

BASIC	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library adds and withdraws at least 3% of its materials collection each year.				
ENHANCED	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library adds and withdraws at least 4% of its materials collection each year.				
COMPREHENSIVE	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library adds and withdraws at least 5% of its materials collection each year.				
THE LIBRARY HAS A METHOD FOR ASSESSING THE AGE OF USES IT TO ENSURE THAT THE LIBRARY'S COLLECTION COMATERIALS.)
BASIC	Yes	No	Planned	NA
At least 15% of items in the library's materials collection were published in the last five years, excluding archival types of collections such as genealogy and local history.				
ENHANCED	Yes	No	Planned	NA
At least 20% of items in the library's materials collection were published in the last five years, excluding archival types of collections such as genealogy and local history.				
COMPREHENSIVE	Yes	No	Planned	NA
At least 25% of items in the library's materials collection were published in the last five years, excluding archival types of collections such as genealogy and local history.				

THE LIBRARY HAS A METHOD FOR WEEDING ITS COLLECTION. EVERY ITEM IN THE LIBRARY MATERIALS COLLECTION IS EVALUATED FOR RETENTION, REPLACEMENT, OR WITHDRAWAL ON A PREDETERMINED SCHEDULE.

BASIC	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library collection is weeded at least every five years.				
ENHANCED	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library collection is weeded every four years.				
COMPREHENSIVE	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library collection is weeded every three years.				
THE LIBRARY HAS A COLLECTION LARGE ENOUGH TO ME SERVICE POPULATION.	ET THE N	NEEDS	OF THE	
BASIC	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library has at least 2.5 books per capita or 20,000 volumes whichever is greater.				
The number of items in the library's non-book collection is at least 4% of the total materials collection.				
The number of subscriptions to paper periodical subscriptions is at least 4 subscriptions per 1000 population, or 30 subscriptions, whichever is greater.				
ENHANCED	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library has at least 3 books per capita.				
The number of items in the library's non-book collection is at least 6% of the total materials collection.				
The number of subscriptions to paper periodical subscriptions is at least 6 subscriptions per 1000 population.				
COMPREHENSIVE	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library has at least 4 books per capita.				
The number of items in the library's non-book collection is at least 8% of the total materials collection.				
The number of subscriptions to paper periodical subscriptions is at least 8 subscriptions per 1000 population.				

THE LIBRARY PROVIDES ELECTRONIC ACCESS TO ONLINE INFORMATION.

BASIC	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library has an online catalog indicating the holdings, location, and availability of materials in all the library's service outlets.				
The library extends its collection by providing public access to the Internet, Kentucky Virtual Library, and the library's online catalog.				
ENHANCED	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library extends its collection by providing public access to Internet, Kentucky Virtual Library, and licensed full-text databases; and in-house and remote access to library's online catalog.				
COMPREHENSIVE	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library extends its collection by providing public access to Internet and Kentucky Virtual Library, in-house and remote access to licensed full-text databases, and library's online catalog.				
THE LIBRARY COLLECTION IS ORGANIZED AND ARRANGE MOTE AND FACILITATE USE BY THE LIBRARY'S CUSTOMER		WAY T	O PRO-	
BASIC	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library collection is organized according to standard classification systems and staff is familiar with the system used.				
The library makes use of attractive displays, face-out shelving, or other merchandising techniques to encourage browsing.				
ENHANCED	Yes	No	Planned	NA
Library annually evaluates customer satisfaction with the collection using techniques such as usage reports, fill rate studies, and suggestions.				

COMPREHENSIVE	Yes	No	Planned	NA			
Library annually evaluates customer satisfaction with the collection using techniques such as surveys and focus groups.							
The library's collection development plan and materials budget reflect a systematic measurement of customer satisfaction.							
THE LIBRARY TAKES MEASURES TO PROTECT MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT FROM NATURAL DISASTERS AND OTHER EMERGENCIES.							
ENHANCED	Yes	No	Planned	NA			
The library has a disaster plan for the materials collection that is reviewed every five years and includes database security, appropriate insurance for library materials, and procedures for preservation and rescue of materials.							
THE LIBRARY COLLECTS AND USES STATISTICAL DATA TO EVALUATE THE COLLECTION'S USAGE.							
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TION'S USAGE. BASIC	Yes	No	Planned	C- NA			
BASIC The library determines the number of items circulated	Yes	No	Planned	NA			
BASIC The library determines the number of items circulated annually. The library determines the number of items used in-house	Yes	No	Planned	NA			
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BASIC The library determines the number of items circulated annually. The library determines the number of items used in-house annually. The library collects statistics on use of electronic resources.	Yes	No □	Planned	NA			
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SERVICES

Public libraries are in the service business. They should provide library services that are comprehensive, timely, and helpful. Libraries are active providers of information services, reader's advisory services, educational support, children's services, and programs. These standards recognize the importance of a library's service program to varying constituencies and the essential role of staff in delivering effective service.

THE LIBRARY USES A VARIETY OF INDICATORS AND MEASURES TO DETERMINE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ITS SERVICES.

The library collects statistics in the following areas for users of all ages: (Asterisked statistics to be collected at least annually.)

BASIC	Yes	No	Planned	NA
Circulation per capita*				
Cost per circulation				
Funding (by source) per capita*				
In-library material (print, non-print, electronic) use per capita*				
Interlibrary loan transactions*				
Library visits per capita*				
Meeting room use*				
Number of items added to the collection*				
Number of items owned/accessed (print, non-print, electronic)*				
Number of items owned per capita*				
Number of programs and per capita attendance*				
Number of terminals for public use*				
Percentage of items withdrawn from the collection*				
Reference transactions per capita*				
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ENHANCED	Yes	No	Planned	NA
Circulation per hour*				
Reserve fill rate				
Turnover rate				
COMPREHENSIVE	Yes	No	Planned	NA
Title, reference, and subject/author fill rate				
Library use as compared to public use of other community services and events				
Circulation per staff hour*				
Customer/non-customer characteristics				
Document delivery rate (7 days, 14 days, 30 days)				
Browsers' fill rate				
THE LIBRARY USES A VARIETY OF INDICATORS AND N THE EFFECTIVENESS OF REFERENCE SERVICES.				
BASIC	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library maintains reference statistics which exclude directional transactions.				
COMPREHENSIVE	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library regularly conducts an adult and juvenile reference fill rate study for each service outlet. Last study conducted: (Year)				
The library determines the average number of reference questions per capita, per visitor, and per registered library customer each year.				
The library assesses the proportion of adult and juvenile reference transactions successfully completed.				
The library provides correct answers within twenty-four (24) hours 75% of the time.				

THE LIBRARY ADOPTS NEW TECHNOLOGIES TO EXPAND ITS SERVICE CAPABILITIES.

BASIC	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library utilizes a variety of technologies to provide library service, such as online databases, CD-ROM databases, online public catalogs, Internet access, etc.				
The library works with other libraries and agencies to provide interfaces among multiple databases.				
Trained library staff is available to assist the public with utilization of technology at all hours the library is open.				
COMPREHENSIVE	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library works with other agencies to develop local databases.				
THE LIBRARY PROVIDES A BROAD RANGE OF PROGRAMUNITY NEEDS.	MMIN	G ТО	MEET CO	OM-
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MUNITY NEEDS.				
MUNITY NEEDS. BASIC The library sponsors or cosponsors programs for various ages	Yes	No	Planned	NA
MUNITY NEEDS. BASIC The library sponsors or cosponsors programs for various ages and segments of the community targeted for service.	Yes	No	Planned	NA □

THE LIBRARY PROVIDES STAFF ADEQUATELY TRAINED TO PROVIDE SERVICE ALL HOURS THE LIBRARY IS OPEN.

BASIC	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library provides reference service to residents of all ages in person, or by telephone, during all hours the library is open.				
The library provides reader's advisory service to residents of all ages in person, by telephone, during all hours the library is open.				
A certified library staff member is available on site during all hours the library is open.				
ENHANCED	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library provides a certified children's specialist.				
The library provides staff trained in reader's advisory services all hours the library is open in each outlet.				
The library provides trained staff in programming for customers of all ages.				
The library provides electronic reference services to customers of all ages.				
The library provides electronic reader's advisory to customers of all ages.				
COMPREHENSIVE	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library provides a professional children's specialist.				
The library provides a professional young adult specialist.				
The library provides a professional older adult specialist.				
The library provides a professional adult specialist.				

THE LIBRARY UTILIZES TECHNOLOGY TO PROVIDE QUALITY SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE SYSTEM.

BASIC	Yes	No	Planned	NA
Library users at each service outlet have access to information resources within the system.				
The library makes provision for regular trouble-shooting, maintenance, and repair of equipment in all library outlets.				
ENHANCED	Yes	No	Planned	NA
Library users at each service outlet have access to information resources within the system through electronic transfer of information, fax and courier service.				
THE LIBRARY COOPERATES WITH ALL TYPES OF LIBRAVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION TO ALL RESIDENTS.	RARIES	то	EXTEND	THE
BASIC	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library offers interlibrary loan service.				
ENHANCED	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library develops its collections, programming, and services in cooperation with other local libraries to avoid unnecessary duplication of resources and services.				
The library participates in reciprocal borrowing arrangements with other libraries.				
COMPREHENSIVE	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library meets at least annually with staff from other area libraries to plan cooperatively for meeting community information needs.				

THE LIBRARY WORKS COOPERATIVELY WITH OTHER COMMUNITY AGENCIES TO IMPROVE SERVICE.

BASIC	Yes	No	Planned	NΑ
The library has planned or participated in cooperative activities or events with community agencies in the past year.				
ENHANCED	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library regularly meets with representatives of governmental agencies to identify areas of potential cooperation.				
The library regularly meets with representatives of community agencies and organizations to identify areas of potential cooperation and library service.				

FACILITIES

The appearance of public libraries directly affects community use. They should be large enough to adequately meet the needs of the service population. The library interior should have a flexible design, which will allow for changes in the service needs of the community. They should be conveniently located, have ample parking and be free of physical barriers. Public library buildings should be aesthetically pleasing and culturally consistent with the heritage of the area and existing structures.

THE LIBRARY MEETS KDLA MINIMUM FACILITIES STANDARDS.	Yes	No	Planned	NA
LIBRARY FACILITIES ARE WELL-MAINTAINED.				
BASIC	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library has sufficient staff or contracts to perform general maintenance/custodial duties.				
The library has sufficient staff or contracts to maintain landscaping and grounds.				
The library maintains an inventory of furnishings and equipment.				
The director reviews property and liability insurance annually and updates information submitted to insurance agency.				
ENHANCED	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library has up-to-date wiring to support the use of technology.				
The library has a maintenance plan which includes a schedule for refurbishing existing facilities including carpet, painting, furniture replacement, HVAC and equipment.				
Insurance policies provide for full replacement value in the event of damage.				
COMPREHENSIVE	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library has a current capital improvement plan.				

BUILDINGS ARE CONVENIENTLY LOCATED AND ACCESSIBLE TO ALL.

BASIC	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library meets building code parking standards.				
The library's customers have convenient parking.				
The library meets all standards for ADA.				
ENHANCED	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library has surveyed customers to determine satisfaction with physical accessibility and convenience to the library.				
The library has completed a parking availability and feasibility survey to determine the total number of spaces available for library customers.				
COMPREHENSIVE	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library facilities plan will meet community needs for at least 20 years.				
THE LIBRARY IS COMFORTABLE AND EFFICIENT AND PROMENT FOR USERS.	OVIDES /	A SAFE	ENVIRO	N-
BASIC	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The parking areas and entrances are sufficiently lighted to provide safe entry and exit.				
The library has smoke and fire alarms.				
The library has emergency lighting.				
ENHANCED	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library has installed an appropriate building security system.				
Adequate space is provided for storage.				
COMPREHENSIVE	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library has a security system for collections.				

THE LIBRARY IS INVITING TO USERS.

BASIC	Yes	No	Planned	NA
Library hours are posted in a visible location.				
The library provides a method to return materials 24 hours a day.				
Space is designated for children's programs and materials.				
Adequate space is designated for public computer stations.				
ENHANCED	Yes	No	Planned	NA
Space is designated for library programs and community meetings.				
Space is provided for young adult programs and materials.				
COMPREHENSIVE	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library provides adequate space for quiet reading and study.				
THE LIBRARY HAS EXTERNAL SIGNAGE THAT IDENT LIBRARY, AND INTERNAL SIGNAGE TO FACILITATE USE.		HE FA	ACILITY A	AS A
BASIC	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library's permanent signage complies with ADA requirements.				
Adequate and appropriate signs identify the library's service areas and collections.				
Library has exterior signs identifying it as a library, which are clearly visible from the street.				
Hours of library service are posted at each public entrance, to be visible from outside the building.				
ENHANCED	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The exterior library signs make it clearly identifiable from the street 24 hours a day.				

ENHANCED (Continued)	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The external library sign is lighted for added visibility at night or when it is located in a low light interior, such as a mall.				
The library provides signs on main community thoroughfares that indicate direction to the building.				
COMPREHENSIVE	Yes	No	Planned	NA
Permanent signage is also in a foreign language, as needed.				
The library provides a floor plan or directory near each entrance.				
Floor plans of the library are available for users to keep, including large print and foreign language (as needed) versions.				

TECHNOLOGY

As a result of the constantly changing nature of technology, there is not one technological solution for every library. The solution must be chosen from a kaleidoscope of possibilities to meet a given set of needs and must be designed for upgrading, expansion and change. These standards, especially for Basic Service, are guideposts to the prudent administration of technology. All public libraries should meet KDLA's requirements as outlined in the Minimum Facility Standards for Kentucky Public Libraries.

THE LIBRARY HAS TRAINED STAFF TO MAINTAIN TECHNOLOGY HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE.

BASIC	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library has a designated staff member who is trained to communicate with computer technicians and to perform basic troubleshooting.				
ENHANCED	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library has a person designated as having the reponsibility for computer technology as part of their job description.				
COMPREHENSIVE	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library has a person designated who has the primary responsibility for computer technology and has formal training in information technology.				
THE LIBRARY PURCHASES, MAINTAINS, AND REPLACES WARE IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF SERV	_			
BASIC	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library has a replacement strategy in place for the purpose of keeping computers and other components current and up to date. The replacement strategy is reflected in the library's annual budget.				
The library keeps track of warranties and knows whom to contact to get technical support, advice, and repair service.				

BASIC (Continued)	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library keeps an inventory of hardware and software and tracks licensing requirements. It also maintains original documentation for hardware and software.				
The library provides protection for software and hardware on individual workstations. It also has anti-virus software in place.				
The library is in compliance with Kentucky procurement law.				
ENHANCED	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library provides protection for software and hardware on network computers. This includes making sure the software is upgraded to the most secure release.				
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A SECURE ENVIRONMENT.				
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THE LIBRARY PROVIDES ACCESS TO THE INTERNET AND REMOTE DATABASES FOR THE PUBLIC AND STAFF.

BASIC	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library has public access to the Internet.				
The library provides access to electronic databases.				
ENHANCED	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library has a dedicated Internet connection that is available to multiple library workstations.				
The library's key staff has e-mail accounts and workstations with dedicated Internet connections.				
The library maintains an up-to-date web page.				
COMPREHENSIVE	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library provides a firewall, proxy server, and other pro- active security measures for the computer system. It also has anti-virus protection against viruses and attacks installed on the servers.				
The library has a permanent high-speed Internet connection.				
The library provides customized searching and downloading of information from online databases for both on-site and remote locations.				
The library works with other libraries and agencies to provide interfaces among multiple databases.				
The library's selection of electronic databases is based on a written collection development plan that includes standards of performance and quality of information.				
The library provides an integrated web site with interactive content.				

THE LIBRARY PROVIDES CUSTOMERS WITH TRAINING AND ASSISTANCE IN THE USE OF ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT AND RESOURCES.

BASIC	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library provides instruction to customers on the use of library equipment and resources.				
The library staff has introductory training in basic computer use, computer operating systems and all electronic formats available to the public.				
ENHANCED	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library provides instruction to customers on the use of library equipment and resources and all electronic formats available to the public.				
The library supports customer training in use of technologies necessary to access electronic resources.				
The library requires computer workshops or training sessions for all library staff.				
The library staff has intermediate training in computer use, computer operating systems, and all electronic formats available to the public and for staff use.				
COMPREHENSIVE	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library has a plan for cross-training so that more than one staff member understands critical elements of technology.				
The library staff has advanced training in computer use, computer operating systems and all electronic formats available to the public and for staff use.				
The library has a technology-based curriculum in place for all staffing levels.				
The library creates in-house documentation on hardware and software for staff use.				
The library makes provision in the budget for ongoing staff computer training.				

THE LIBRARY HAS AN AUTOMATED SYSTEM THAT PROVIDES EASY-TO-USE ACCESS TO THE LIBRARY'S RESOURCES AND PROTECTS INFORMATION ABOUT INDIVIDUAL LIBRARY CUSTOMERS.

BASIC	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library is in compliance with all state and federal regulations regarding electronic access to information.				
The library provides an online catalog either as a stand-alone system or as part of a shared system that indicates holdings, location and availability of materials.				
The library automation system has sufficient security to prevent unauthorized access to patron data.				
The library automation system provides the means to back- up patron and collection databases to protect against data loss and to meet requirements of state and local records management policies.				
ENHANCED	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library maintains up-to-date web pages with links to the OPAC.				
The library automation system is fully integrated, including a catalog module and a circulation module.				
The library automation system has the capability to create reports that provide statistics as required by KDLA.				
COMPREHENSIVE	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The catalog is available via the Internet with the use of a web browser and is accessible 24 hours per day, seven days per week via a web page (except during maintenance).				
The catalog allows customers to place reserves on materials, suggest titles for purchase, and place interlibrary loan requests via the Internet.				
The library provides self-checkout as an option to customers.				
The integrated system allows customers to review their personal library records via the Internet, including, but not limited to, materials checked out and the date due, materials reserved, and fines owed.				
The catalog is available through the Kentucky Virtual Library using Z39.50 standards.				

MARKETING/PUBLIC RELATIONS

The purpose of library marketing is to increase community awareness of the library's products and services. Library marketing involves the promotion of intangible services and tangible products. Effective marketing has two major components: strategy and tactics. Strategy incorporates determining who is the target customer, choosing the right product and services for those customers, and distributing the product and services through proper channels. Tactics are the activities by which the strategy is accomplished. A successful public relations program sends a positive message through the appropriate medium to the right audience at the proper time and place.

BASIC		Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library has a marketing/public relations line item in its oudget.					
The library allocates a percentage of its budget to support marketing/public relations activities.					
Basic Enhanced Comprehensive	1% of budget 2% of budget 3% of budget				
The library networl visibility and to me	ks with community groups to increase et its goals.				
	rates a unique logo or graphic he library on all publications and ials.				
media to keep all s	regular use of radio, television, and print egments of the community aware of its role in the community.				
	re-catching displays, exhibits, and bulletin library resources, services, and programs.				
of personalized lett	zes all contributions to the library by way ters, resolutions of thanks presented at ress releases, plaques, receptions, gifts, or most appropriate.				
The library staff do facilities.	es regular image evaluations of the library				
The library provide principles for all ne	s orientation in marketing/public relations w staff.				
and in physically a	ovided by the library are free of charge ccessible locations. The library publicizes dations in each program announcement.				

ENHANCED	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library has a written marketing/public relations policy.				
The library assists in creating a structured Friends of the Library group that elects its own board members and operates under its own bylaws.				
The library designates a staff member to train volunteers and ensures all volunteers are properly trained.				
The library produces visually appealing printed materials, graphic representations, and signage.				
The library uses all available technologies to provide the public with accurate, up-to-date information about the library.				
The library recognizes the contributions it has made to its patrons by publicizing "success stories" both internally and externally.				
The library solicits others to do periodic image evaluations of the library facilities.				
The library provides regular, meaningful customer service seminars for staff.				
COMPREHENSIVE	Yes	No	Planned	NA
The library designates a staff member to plan, develop, and implement marketing activities.				
The library encourages and accommodates staff involvement in civic organizations that have programs that complement the library's mission.				
The library has identified volunteers, including trustees and friends, willing to act as advocates for the library's mission at the local, state, and national levels.				
The library provides annual reports for the public in a clear, attractive format.				
The library arranges attendance at annual marketing and public relations workshops for staff.				

APPENDIX A

GLOSSARY/ACRONYMS

- **ACLU** -- American Civil Liberties Union.
- **ADA** -- Americans with Disabilities Act. Federal legislation which guarantees rights of disabled persons.
- **ALA** -- American Library Association. The oldest and largest national library association in the world. Its concern spans all types of libraries.
- **ALTA** -- American Library Trustee Association. A section of ALA with specific responsibilities of continuing education for trustees, continuous study and review of the activities of library trustees, and promoting strong state and regional trustee organizations.
- **CCTV** -- Closed Circuit Television. Equipment that magnifies printed materials for the visually disabled.
- CD-ROM -- Compact Disk Read Only Memory. A disk that contains software for computer use.
- **CE** -- Continuing Education. Any program or workshop which provides educational instruction for public library staff or trustees.
- **FSCS** -- Federal State Cooperative System. A federal government statistical gathering program for public libraries that allows valid comparisons of library programs across the nation.
- **FTE** -- Full-time equivalent. A prorated percentage of part time work hours based on a full time work week of 40 hours.
- **HVAC** -- Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning system.
- **ILL** -- Interlibrary Loan. The lending and borrowing of library materials or copies of material from one library to another.
- **Kentucky State Board for the Certification of Librarians** -- The governing body created in accordance with KRS 171.240 charged with assuring qualified staff in public libraries.
- **KYVL** -- Kentucky Virtual Library. An electronic, "virtual" library that uses the Internet to provide access to quality databases and connections to information resources worldwide.
- **KDLA** -- Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives. A state government agency providing leadership and support for the development and maintenance of library services throughout the state.
- **KLA** -- Kentucky Library Association. A membership organization of persons interested in promoting and improving all types of library service in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

KLTA -- Kentucky Library Trustee Association. Kentucky's equivalent to the American Library Trustee Association.

KRS -- Kentucky Revised Statutes. The state laws of Kentucky.

KTBL -- Kentucky Talking Book Library. A section of the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives which provides materials for visually and physically disabled persons.

LAN -- Local Area Network. The connecting of computers within a building into a shared system.

LCD -- Liquid Crystal Display. Equipment which allows projection of computer generated programs.

Managing for Results -- A publication of the Public Library Association which provides information and procedures to enable libraries to achieve effective resource allocation.

MARC -- Machine Readable Cataloguing. A standardized format of cataloging library material records in order to convert to electronic data, thereby automating the circulation and the card catalog systems.

MLS -- Masters Degree in Library Science.

National Library Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped -- A section of the Library of Congress which provides materials for visually and physically disabled persons.

OPAC -- Online Public Access Catalog. The electronic version of the library's card catalog.

PLA -- Public Library Association. A section of the American Library Association which focuses on public libraries and librarians.

Planning for Results -- A publication of the Public Library Association which outlines methods for long range planning by public libraries.

Public Library Section -- A section of the Kentucky Library Association which focuses on public library services.

State Aid -- Direct state aid to local public libraries, pursuant to KRS 171.2001, to enhance their services for the benefit of the citizens of the Commonwealth.

TTY/TDY -- Teletypewriter. A system by which hearing impaired persons can communicate via telephone.

Z39.50 -- A standard for online catalogs which allows sharing of information among automated systems.

APPENDIX B

USEFUL WEBSITES

Americans with Disabilities Act: < www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/adahom1.htm>

American Library Association: < www.ala.org >

Continuing Education Events Calendar: < www.kdla.net/events/ce.htm>

Copyright: < www.ala.org/alaorg/oif >

Federal-State Cooperative System for Public Library Data (FSCS):

http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/libraries/public.asp

Friends of Libraries USA: < www.ala.org/alaorg/affiliates/affiliates home.html#folusa>

Kentucky Certification Manual: < www.kdla.net/libserv/cert.htm>

Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives: < www.kdla.net>

Kentucky Library Association: <www.kylibasn.org>

Kentucky Talking Book Library: < www.kdla.net/libserv/ktbl.htm>

Kentucky Procurement Code: <www.lrc.state.ky.us/statutes/154a00/120.pdf>

Kentucky Revised Statutes: <www.lrc.state.ky.us/statrev/frontpg.htm>

Kentucky Virtual Library: < www.kyvl.org >

Library Bill of Rights: <www.ala.org/alaorg/oif>

Library Board By-laws (sample): <<u>www.kdla.net/libserv/trustees/trusteemanual.pdf</u>>

Library Policies Checklist: <www.kdla.net/libserv/trustees/trusteemanual.pdf>

Library Polices (samples): < http://winslo.state.oh.us/publib/policies.html>

Library Trustee Manual: < www.kdla.net/libserv/trustees/trusteemanual.pdf >

Minimum Facility Standards for Kentucky Public Libraries:

<www.kdla.net/libserv/newlibs/standards.pdf>

National Library Services for the Blind: <www.loc.gov.nls/>

Public Library Association: < www.pla.org >